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48, *Davies Street*,
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Mr Howland Wood.

American Numismatic Society,

156th Street,

Sept. 16th/26,

W. of Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir,

We have been advised by Mr John Allan of the Coins and Medals Department, British Museum, to write to you and submit for your consideration an interesting specimen of early Chinese bronze which we have lately received from Peking. The description on our invoice is as follows:-

Han period bronze cash mould $8\frac{1}{4}$ " long $3\frac{1}{8}$ " broad.
Good green-blue patination. Bears date Shen Chueh
4th year.....58 B.C.

and we have no reason to doubt the correctness of its attribution. In this Mr Allan confirms our view and we gather that except for the fact that the funds for his department are limited and only available for the purchase of coins and medals he would like to have acquired the piece for the Museum.

insured, We are therefore sending it to you by registered post and we enclose herewith an approbation note, and shall be obliged if you will let us know your decision in course of mail.

Yours faithfully,

Bluet & Sons.

October 14th, 1926

Messrs. Bluett & Sons
48 Davies Street
Brook St. London, W.1

Gentlemen:

Your favour of September 16th came to hand a number of days ago, but the coin mould only reached us this morning, having been held up in the Customs House for duty, and it took time to have this entered free of duty.

We already have in this Museum six coin moulds on this order of various periods, within a century or so of the piece sent by you. We are very glad to have had the opportunity to examine this piece, especially as it bears a date, but it is doubtful if we desire to add this specimen to our collection. However, with your permission, we should like to hold it here for a time, as there may be a possibility of one of our members wanting it. And one of our members whom we have in mind, is now in Europe, but expects to be home at the end of this month.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Howland Wood Esq.

48, Davies Street,
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October 25th/26.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your letter of 14th October just to hand. We are pleased to leave the coin mould with you for further consideration and shall be glad if you will let us know your decision when convenient to you.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

LBB/LDC.

Blue & Sons

October 28, 1926

Messrs. Bluett & Sons,
48, Davies Street,
Brook Street,
London, W.1

Gentlemen:

As I wrote you a short time ago on receipt of the coin mould, I would like to hold it for a while to show to one or two of our members.

There is one person who will take it at a price, but collectors in this country have not yet got to the point of appreciating numismatic objects of this character. They do not feel like paying quite so much money.

Can not you make me a better price? If so, I feel confident that I can sell it.

Very truly yours,

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Howland Wood Esq.

November 6th/26.

Dear Sir,

We thank you very much for your letter and note that by your kind offices there is a possibility of disposing of the coin mould which we recently sent you.

Anxious as we are to make business possible with you we fear that we are quite unable to make any reduction in the price quoted for the mould. The cost in China was very near to the selling price.

If therefore you are unable to dispose of it to your friend we shall be much obliged if you will return it at your convenience. On the other hand there is no objection to your retaining it for a while in case somebody else would like to acquire it.

Yours faithfully,

Bluet & Sons

EEB/LDC.

December 1, 1926

Messrs. Bluet & Sons,
48, Davies Street,
Brook Street,
London, W.1

Gentlemen:

Your letter of November 6th at hand. We persuaded the person buying the coin would to take the same at your price, which he has done, and we are herewith handing you our cheque for £19.10.0. We were very glad to be able to dispose of this piece for you.

Please receipt the enclosed bill and return it to the Central Union Trust Company.

Yours very truly,

Curator

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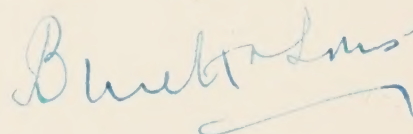
December 11th/26.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your letter of December 1st informing us that the coin mould has been purchased for £19:10:0. and we are obliged for your cheque in payment for it. The formal acknowledgment has been sent as directed to the Central Union Trust Company.

We are grateful for your good offices in this matter.

Yours faithfully,



EEB/LDC.